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Syria and military action (Page 1)

Instructions: Read the article 'Syria and military action'.

Answer questions 1-16.

1. Who is the president of Syria?

2. Why does Barack Obama say that Syria should be punished?

3. Why did the UN inspectors travel to Syria?

4. How many Syrians have left the country because of the fighting? To where have they travelled?

5. During which war were chemical weapons used and when were they banned?

6. Who is John Kerry? What does he say happened in Ghouta?

7. How can chemical weapons be used?

8. Who is Vladimir Putin? Why has he warned other nations not to launch any military strikes against Syria?

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9. What arguments do those people who are opposed to military action in Syria use?

10. What is meant by a 'red line'?

11. What happened in the UK when a vote was held about military action in Syria?
What does the result mean?

12. Who are the 'rebels'?

13. Syrian government officials suspect that the rebels organised a few gas attacks.
For what reason do the officials claim the rebels did this?

14. Which country has said it is prepared to carry out a military strike on Syria if others do?

15. Why do many people think Mr Obama will have to take action?

16. What does Mr Obama say will happen if no military action is taken?

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Pakistan, Afghanistan and the Taliban (Page 5)**Instructions:** Read the article 'Pakistan, Afghanistan and the Taliban'.

Tick either true or false for the following statements.

	TRUE	FALSE
1. Nearly all foreign troops are expected to leave Afghanistan by the end of 2014.		
2. There are still around 350,000 NATO, or foreign, troops in Afghanistan.		
3. Hamid Karzai was elected as the president of Afghanistan in 2001.		
4. The USA led an invasion of Afghanistan in 2001.		
5. Nawaz Sharif is the president of Pakistan.		
6. Al-Qaeda used to have its training camps in Afghanistan.		
7. NATO stands for North American Treaty Organization.		
8. The USA would like peace talks to be held with the Taliban leaders.		
9. Islamabad is the capital of Pakistan.		
10. Afghanistan now has its own security force.		

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Pacific Forum meeting (Page 9)**Instructions:** Read the article 'Pacific Forum meeting'.

The answers to the questions are given for 1-8. Write the questions.

1. Q. _____

A. A secretary-general.

2. Q. _____

A. Because they grow slowly and don't reproduce very often.

3. Q. _____

A. 1.5 millimetres (0.06 inches) per year.

4. Q. _____

A. Australia and New Zealand.

5. Q. _____

A. Fiji.

6. Q. _____

A. Around a quarter.

7. Q. _____

A. US\$200,000 (£128,200).

8. Q. _____

A. The world's largest shark sanctuary.

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Io eruption recorded (Page 13)**Instructions:** Read the article 'Io eruption recorded'.

Draw a line to connect the correct links. The first is done for you.

Jupiter

Rarog

Galilean moon

Zeus

Sulphur

67 moons

Saturn

Io

Callisto

Neptune

Volcano

Ganymede

Czech fire god

Galileo

Greek mythology

Keck Observatory

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'I Have a Dream' anniversary (Page 7)

Instructions: Read the article 'I Have a Dream' anniversary' and fill in the spider diagram below with the details.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR

CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT

**I HAVE A DREAM SPEECH**

THE GREAT MARCH ON WASHINGTON

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Microsoft and Nokia (Page 6)

Instructions: Read the article 'Microsoft and Nokia'.
Answer questions 1-8.

1. Where is the Nokia Company based?

2. Why has Nokia been selling fewer mobile phone handsets?

3. Who is Stephen Elop?

4. What difficult decision did Mr Elop make in 2011?

5. Now that Microsoft is buying the Nokia mobile phone business which companies will it compete with and why?

6. Microsoft is a very successful software company. What has it been less successful at doing?

7. Who is the boss of Microsoft? What has he recently announced?

8. In the mobile phone business how does Apple differ from Samsung, LG and HTC?

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World Map (Page 11)

Instructions: Solve these anagrams. Each answer is a country that appears on the World Map. Each anagram has one extra letter. Together the extra letters form another anagram. The answer is a mystery country. One is already done for you.

1. EAIHCL

2. ARTIALSDUA

3. HUAIRTAS

4. KNAETDMR

5. HSEELYLECLS

6. UGAPYRNAA

7. NANIILDF

8. LVOAIABI

Mystery country =

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Issue 205 Elimination

Instructions: Read issue 205. Now eliminate from the list 13 pairs of words or phrases that go together. You will have one word or phrase left over. That is the answer. One pair is already done for you.

First Folio

Astronomy

Finland

Cyclones

Bullet train

Grand Canyon

Arizona

South Korea

Paddy field

Nokia

Ugly Duckling

Lincoln Memorial

Amphibian

Rice

Tomatoes

Shakespeare

Shinkansen

Washington DC

Thera

Douala

Atacama Desert

Buñol

Frog

Samsung

Santorini

Typhoons

Cameroon

Odd one out = _____

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Issue 205 multiple choice quiz**Instructions:** Read issue 205 and circle the correct answers for questions 1-10.

1. **Where are the Seychelles?**
 - a. Mediterranean Sea
 - b. Red Sea
 - c. Pacific Ocean
 - d. Indian Ocean
 - e. South Atlantic
2. **Of which country is Nawaz Sharif the prime minister?**
 - a. Indonesia
 - b. Bangladesh
 - c. Afghanistan
 - d. Pakistan
 - e. Malaysia
3. **Which ancient civilisation was centred on the island of Crete?**
 - a. Etruscan
 - b. Phoenician
 - c. Minoan
 - d. Carthaginian
 - e. Hyksos
4. **In which European city can you see The Little Mermaid statue?**
 - a. Copenhagen
 - b. Amsterdam
 - c. Oslo
 - d. Brussels
 - e. Stockholm
5. **Which company has announced that it is buying Nokia's mobile phone business?**
 - a. Google
 - b. Apple
 - c. Microsoft
 - d. Samsung
 - e. HTC
6. **Who is the prime minister of the UK?**
 - a. Stephen Harper
 - b. Nick Clegg
 - c. William Hague
 - d. Kevin Rudd
 - e. David Cameron
7. **Into which sea does the River Elbe flow?**
 - a. Black Sea
 - b. North Sea
 - c. Caspian Sea
 - d. Adriatic Sea
 - e. Baltic Sea
8. **At the end of which year are nearly all foreign troops expected to leave Afghanistan?**
 - a. 2013
 - b. 2014
 - c. 2015
 - d. 2016
 - e. 2017
9. **A new maglev train is being tested in Japan. What is it called?**
 - a. Shinkansen
 - b. TGV
 - c. Mach1
 - d. L zero
 - e. HS2
10. **In which American city did Martin Luther King Jr make his famous 'I Have a Dream' speech?**
 - a. Memphis
 - b. Washington DC
 - c. Boston
 - d. Atlanta
 - e. San Francisco